

OF NOTE

BRIEFINGS

★ Babies briefing

Bundles for Babies, Dec. 15, 8:30-11 a.m., in the Family Support Center.

Register at 846-0741.

★ New spouses

Heart Link Spouse Orientation is available by appointment at the Family Support Center.

The briefing, for spouses new to the military, is a one-on-one presentation about everything you should know about life in the military.

Register at 846-0741.

★ Pre-deployment

Pre-deployment Briefings are available at the Family Support Center on request.

Call Tech. Sgt. Lloyd McKenzie at 846-0741 for an appointment.

CLOSINGS

★ Logistics

The 377th Logistics Readiness Squadron is minimally manned Jan. 12, 7-9:30 a.m., during a commanders call.

EDUCATION

★ SAT

The SAT is offered by the base education center Dec. 17, 8:30 a.m., in Room 116B, Building 20602C Education Center.

Active duty, Guard and Reserve personnel are eligible for the free test if they have not previously been funded for testing.

Register before Dec. 16, at the Education Office to receive the registration bulletin and sample test.

★ Virtual ed center

The Community College of the Air Force and the Air Force Virtual Education Center have teamed to help military members build on their education by using the Air Force Virtual Education Center.

The AFVEC is the Air Force's premier site for providing information about education benefits, including selected CCAF information.

Students may log on to AFVEC, <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>, from a .mil domain only, to create an account and to access their on-line CCAF academic records and customer service tools.

★ CLEP test

The CLEP college testing program is in transition, moving from 35 to 14 exams available at the Education Center.

Subject exams withdrawn from testing Jan. 31, 2004 are: Analyzing & Interpreting Literature, College Algebra, Freshman College Composition, Introductory Psychology and Principles of Management.

The five exams are part of the 14 that will be available on base in revised versions in April 2004. All 35 exams remain available at off-base testing centers on a self-pay basis.

Call 846-8955 or 846-9933.

EVENTS

★ Volunteers

Volunteer "Brown Bag" Lunch-n-Learn is Dec. 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., in the Family Support Center.

Register at 846-0741.

★ King service

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative service is Jan. 16, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in the chapel. A reception follows in the chapel annex.

Guest speaker is Elder James L. Keith Jones of the God in Christ and Choir.

For more information or questions, contact 1st Lt. Kathryn Parker, base project

Officer for this event, at 846-5393; 2nd. Lt. Devanie Bridges, co-project officer, at 846-1820; or Rasheeda Tabb-Bey, Special Emphasis Program Manager, Black Employment Manager for Kirtland AFB, at 853-5156.

MEETINGS

★ Airman's Council

The new Kirtland Airman's Council meets Dec. 17, 1 p.m., in the Rio Grande Community Center Route 66 Room.

The organization is formed to promote esprit de corps and morale for Kirtland AFB Airmen. It is open to all Kirtland AFB E-1s through E-4s.

Visit the council's first meeting for information about membership.

★ Advisory council

The TEAM KIRTLAND Advisory Council, which normally meets the first Tuesday of every month, will meet again Feb. 3, 3 p.m., at the Rio Grande Community Center Santa Fe Room.

All units are invited to send a representative to participate in the discussion of issues that affect everyone on the installation.

★ Women's history

The Women's History Month Committee meets Dec. 18, 9:30 a.m., in the Distance Learning Center, Building 20604, Room C-21.

The theme for the upcoming month is "Women Inspiring Hope and Possibility."

Needed are a project officer and committee. Although past experience is helpful, it is not required.

The next meeting is Jan. 8, 9:30 a.m., in the same location.

Call Mary Ann Lovato, 846-4188, or e-mail maryann.lovato@kirtland.af.mil, or Teresita Sanchez, 846-1768.

MISCELLANEA

★ RV storage lot

Management of the RV Storage Lot has moved from the FamCamp to the Outdoor Recreation in Building 20410.

★ Donate miles

WASHINGTON-

Travelers can donate frequent-flier miles to help troops on leave from Iraq reach their destinations through Operation Hero Miles, www.heromiles.org.

Service members participating in the two-week "rest and recuperation" leave program are flown free to Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, or Baltimore-Washington International Airport by DOD, but must pay for connecting flights from and back to those ports.

More than 200 soldiers arrive at BWI daily as part of the R&R program, said Lt. Col. Robert Hagen, Army spokesman.

Delta, Southwest and Alaska Airlines/Horizon Airlines have joined the operation.

★ Form 332

The Air Force Form 332, Base Civil Engineer Work Request, is accepted at Fire Station 1 Building 20210 for coordination. The form also may be taken to the new Fire Station 2 Building 1005 on San Mateo.

Welding, cutting and brazing permits are issued at Fire Stations 1 and 2, 7-9 a.m., Monday-Friday.

Call 853-6699 or 853-6094.

OF NOTE

★ Media lab work

The 377th Air Base Wing Multimedia Center Building 20140 is being recarpeted during December.

The areas affected are: Public Address/Video Maintenance, **through today**; and Video, **Dec. 15-16**.

During carpet work, the photo lab, studio and alert services, video location shots and public address work operate as normal. In-house production will continue, but work flow may be affected in areas where work is scheduled.

★ Expanded hours

Operating hours at the West Shoppette are expanded on a trial basis.

The hours are: 6 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and closed Sunday.

In January, the shoppette's "Snack Avenue" is enlarged to include counter space for hotdogs and a soda fountain, as well as the coffee, cappuccino and microwave.

PERSONNEL

★ Suicide, violence brief

The mandatory Suicide and Violence Prevention Training for Air Force members is conducted by the Life Skills Support Center. Bargaining unit employees in AFGE Local 2263 are invited to attend on a voluntary basis.

The session is **Dec. 17**, in the theater at 6, 7:30 and 9 a.m., and noon, 1:30 and 3 p.m.

Call 846-3305.

★ Dress, appearance

A Dress and Appearance Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil provides answers to your questions.

If your questions need research, e-mail to afpc.dress@randolph.af.mil.

★ MPF hours

The Military Personnel Flight is open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. for appointments.

Walk-in customers are welcome noon-2 p.m. in all sections other than Identification Cards, which is open to walk-in all operating hours.

Call 846-8979.

★ myPay site

Users of myPay are cautioned to use the official myPay site at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>, to access pay account information.

Look-alike sites are confusing myPay customers into giving personal information at a commercial site.

The Defense Finance Accounting System myPay is a secure, DFAS-operated Web site that lets military members, civilian employees and military retirees and annuitants take charge of their pay accounts online.

Avoid www.mypay.com.

★ No paper LES

Paper copies of Leave and Earnings Statements for military members won't be provided after **Jan. 1**.

To access accounts on-line, starting Jan. 1, military and civilians should visit the finance customer service counter to receive an immediate PIN or logon at <https://mypay.dfas.mil> to receive a PIN by mail.

To have a finance employee visit your organization with a laptop computer to provide PINs, call 2nd Lt. Michelle Paquet at 846-7258.

All commanders with personnel that don't normally have access to computers should make a computer available. Computers also are available at the Rio Grande Community Center and at the Library.

★ Name tag

Jan. 1, 2004, is the date wearing the new metallic name tag on service dress uniform and pullover sweaters is mandatory for active duty Air Force members.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service only is the authorized vendors for tags at this time.

Officers purchase their own tags.

RECRUITING

★ Blood drives

United Blood Services conducts blood drives at:

★ Sandia Labs **every Tuesday**, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.,

★ Air Force Inspection Agency, **today**, 8-11:30 a.m.,

Air Force Research Laboratory at Carlisle and Aberdeen, **Dec. 18**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.,

Space and Missile Center, Detachment 12, Building 414, **Dec. 18**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.,

Nuclear Weapons Directorate, 1551 Wyoming Boulevard, **Dec. 18**, 7:30-11 a.m.,

377th Civil Engineer, Building 20684, **Dec. 19**, noon-4 p.m.,

New Mexico Veterans Affairs Health Care System, Spinal Cord Training Room 1083, **Dec. 30**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



Photo by Lisa Gonzales

Watch out!

Rod Garcia has opened a custom jewelry design and watch repair shop in the Mini Mall. Shop hours are Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Garcia offers diamond testing, watchband adjustment, eye-glass frame repair and watch battery replacement. He also takes orders for custom jewelry design. Call 265-4094.

ROADWORK

★ Wyo./Pa. intersection

Repaving at Wyoming Boulevard and Pennsylvania is expected to continue through **mid-December**.

Follow signs and barricades and use detours at the site, and seek alternate routes when possible.

SCHOLARSHIPS

★ Active duty family

The Military Officers Association of America's 2004 Base/Post Scholarship program is open through **March 1, 2004**. Scholarships are \$1,000 grants to 50 dependents of active duty personnel worldwide.

Students, 24 or younger, whose parents are active duty in the military services or Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are eligible. Dependents of drilling Reservists and Guardsmen are also eligible. The students must be working on their first undergraduate degree.

For full information and to apply, visit www.moaa.org.

★ Spouse scholarship

The Air Force Spouses Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to spouses of Air Force active duty, Reserve or Guard.

Spouses worldwide pursuing a degree can apply for the \$1,000 scholarships by **Jan. 30**.

Learn details at www.aef.org/aid/spouse.asp.

★ Military children

Applications for the 2004 Scholarships for Military Children program are being accepted through **Feb. 18** from children of active duty and retired military, Guard and Reserve members. The academic scholarship awards are for \$1,500.

The program is operated by the Defense Commissary Agency, and funding comes from manufacturers and suppliers whose products are sold at military commissaries.

The Fisher House Foundation underwrites the program's administrative costs.

The general public can contribute to the program through the Fisher House Foundation at www.fisherhouse.org or visit the program's Web site at www.militaryscholar.org/.

★ Webster enrollees

Webster University in Albuquerque offers a \$1,500 scholarship for tuition and books to new degree-seeking students who apply and enroll in the Spring Term 1, beginning **Jan. 5**.

Students seeking the scholarship, sponsored by the Webster alumni, will write a 500-word essay about why they are seeking a degree.

Application packages available from the university's Kirtland AFB and Metro campuses must be returned by **Jan. 7**.

Call 292-6988.